

MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

Application for Juvenile Assignments

Name: _____ Bar Number: _____

There are three categories for the juvenile specialized panel and three parts to this application:

- 1 – Civil Offense and Misdemeanor
- 2 – Felony and Sex Offense
- 3 – Competency and Bind-over Hearings

For each case type that you are interested in becoming eligible for please complete that part of the application.

If you do not satisfy the experience, trial practice, or CLE requirements for any category, you may apply for a waiver in Part 4 of this application. The authority of the Executive Director to grant waivers can be found at:

<http://www.maine.gov/mcils/rules/rules/CHAPTER%203%20-%20FINALLY%20ADOPTED,%20Passed%20by%20Comm,%20Leg,%20Gov%20.pdf>

PART 1 – CIVIL OFFENSES AND MISDEMEANOR CASES

A. Experience

1. Do you have at least six months of criminal and/or civil law practice experience?
_____ Yes _____ No
2. Have you completed a legal internship at either a juvenile law clinic or district attorney's office? _____ Yes _____ No

B. Continuing Legal Education

In the past three years have you earned at least 2 hours of CLE credit on one or more of the following topics related to juvenile defense:

- Placement options and dispositional alternatives
- Child development, adolescent mental health diagnosis and treatment
- Collateral consequences of juvenile adjudication

_____ Yes _____ No

PART 2 – FELONY AND SEX OFFENSE CASES

A. Experience

1. Do you have at least one year of juvenile law practice experience (excluding law school experience) _____ Yes _____ No
2. Have you handled at least ten juvenile cases to conclusion? _____ Yes _____ No
3. Have you tried at least five contested juvenile hearings (including but not limited to, detention hearings, evidentiary hearings, adjudication hearings, and dispositional hearings)? _____ Yes _____ No

B. Continuing Legal Education

In the past three years have you earned at least 4 hours of CLE credit on two or more of the following topics related to juvenile defense:

- Placement options and dispositional alternatives
- Child development, adolescent mental health diagnosis and treatment
- Collateral consequences of juvenile adjudication
- Competence

_____ Yes _____ No

C. Letter of Interest

Please provide a letter explaining your interest in and qualifications for representing juveniles in felony and sex offense cases.

D. Letters of Reference

Please provide three letters of reference from attorneys with whom you do not practice that assert that you are qualified to represent juveniles in felony and sex offense cases. These letters of reference must be submitted directly to Executive Director John Pelletier via email, fax or mail.

PART 3 – COMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL HEARINGS & BIND-OVER HEARINGS

A. Experience

1. Do you have at least two years of juvenile law practice experience (excluding law school experience) _____ Yes _____ No
2. Have you handled at least twenty juvenile cases to conclusion in the past ten years? _____ Yes _____ No
3. Have you tried at least ten contested juvenile hearings (including but not limited to, detention hearings, evidentiary hearings, adjudication hearings, and dispositional hearings in the past ten years)? _____ Yes _____ No

B. Continuing Legal Education

In the past three years have you earned at least 8 hours of CLE credit that cover all of the following topics related to juvenile defense:

- Placement options and dispositional alternatives
- Child development, adolescent mental health diagnosis and treatment
- Collateral consequences of juvenile adjudication
- Competency and bind-over procedures

_____ Yes _____ No

C. Letter of Interest

Please provide a letter explaining your interest in and qualifications for representing juveniles in competency and bind-over hearings.

D. Letters of Reference

Please provide three letters of reference from attorneys with whom you do not practice that assert that you are qualified to represent juveniles in competency and bind-over hearings (*this letter can also address your qualifications for felony and sex offense cases if also applying for those case types*). These letters of reference must be submitted directly to Executive Director John Pelletier via email, fax or mail.

PART 4: WAIVER

Statement of reasons for waiver request (may attach additional sheets if necessary):

Applicant's Signature

Date

Please submit this application to MCILS by email, fax, or mail:

mcils@maine.gov • Fax 207-287-3293

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